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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR HAITI: TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

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1. MOST OF OUR MAJOR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN HAITI ARE ESSENTIALLY LONG-TERM. GIVEN THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT AND PRESENT REALITIES, THEIR REALIZATION WILL COME SLOWLY, EVEN UNDER THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES. OUR POLICIES SHOULD BE DELIBERATE AND MEASURED AND SHOULD NOT BE DEFLECTED BY OCCASIONAL SETBACKS UNLESS THERE IS AN UNAMBIGUOUS REVERSAL OF THE RECENT TREND OF IMPROVEMENT. FOR THE SHORT-TERM, THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT (1) TO TAKE THE REFORMS NECESSARY FOR ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT, AND (2) TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE ITS HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES. DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT WILL JUSTIFY HIGH LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE. A LACK OF SERIOUSNESS WOULD REQUIRE US TO REASSESS OUR ENTIRE ASSISTANCE EFFORT.

2. EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE HAITI'S GREAT POVERTY AND UNDER-DEVELOPMENT.

THROUGH OUR PROPOSED TITLE III PROGRAM WE PLAN TO PROVIDE
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THE GOH WITH SIGNIFICANT INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE GREATER COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICULARLY BETTER MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES. THE TITLE III PROGRAM WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE THE PROSPECTS FOR OUR ON-GOING RURAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, AND POPULATION PROJECTS AND THE PROGRAMS OF OTHER DONORS.

3. PROMOTION OF IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.

APPROPRIATELY BALANCED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS. THE IMPROVEMENTS OF RECENT YEARS NEED TO BE ATTESTED BY IMPARTIAL INTERNATIONAL BODIES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR OBJECTIVES THE GOH HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON PRESS FREEDOM FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION. A VISIT BY THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WILL TAKE PLACE SOON.

4. GREATER PARTICIPATION IN AFFAIRS OF THE CARIBBEAN REGION.

ADVANCEMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE REQUIRES A BROADLY-BASED EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT HAITIAN PARTICIPATION IN APPROPRIATE REGIONAL ACTIVITIES. RELATIONS WITH THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ARE AT A HIGH POINT WITH FURTHER IMPROVEMENT INDICATED BY RECENT AND PROSPECTIVE VISITS. HAITI, HOWEVER, IS NOT NOW CAPABLE OF MORE THAN TOKEN INVOLVEMENT IN MOST REGIONAL ACTIVITIES.

5. SUPPORT ON REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES.

WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT INsofar AS WE ACHIEVE OUR PREVIOUS GOAL OF BREAKING HAITI OUT OF ITS ISOLATION WITHIN THE CARIBBEAN REGION WE MAY MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO RETAIN

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HAITI'S SUPPORT ON GLOBAL ISSUES AND TO PERSUADE IT TO ADOPT PRAGMATIC POSITIONS IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOG. IN PURSUING THIS GOAL WE SHOULD KEEP THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY INFORMED ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO HAITI TO ENSURE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR VIEWS AND TO ENCOURAGE THE HAITIANS TO OBTAIN THE KIND OF INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE THAT WOULD REINFORCE OUR OBJECTIVES. TO PROMOTE U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS AND MAINTAIN MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS SUPPORTIVE OF THE BROAD RANGE OF U.S. GOALS WE SHOULD SET STABLE MILITARY ASSISTANCE LEVELS AND ADOPT SALES POLICIES WHICH CAN BE EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY THE GOH AND WHICH ARE IN KEEPING WITH WORLDWIDE STANDARDS.

6. COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS INTERDICTION AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

WITH RESPECT TO NARCOTICS CONTROL WE PLAN TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT EFFECTIVE LIAISON BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND RESPONSIBLE HAITIAN OFFICIALS--MOSTLY MILITARY. THE RECENT ARREST OF SEVERAL AMERICANS--ALL FOR MARIJUANA TRAFFICKING--MAY BRING CONFLICTING PRESSURES SINCE, DESPITE IMPROVEMENTS, HAITIAN JUSTICE IS SLOW AND HAITIAN PRISONS ARE SPARTAN. ILLEGAL

IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES FROM HAITI IS ONE OF OUR MOST INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS. IN THE SHORT RUN ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT IS MORE LIKELY TO AGGRAVATE IT THAN ALLEVIATE IT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SCREEN ALL VISA APPLICANTS WITH GREAT CARE AND ELICIT WHAT ASSISTANCE WE CAN FROM THE GOH IN CONTROLLING THE PROBLE. OUR TASK WOULD BE EASIER IF ILLEGAL HAITIANS APPREHENDED IN THE U.S. WERE MORE QUICKLY REPATRIATED.

7. PROMOTION OF U.S. EXPORTS.

THE TITLE III PROGRAM, IF APPROVED, WOULD INCREASE U.S. SALES IN THE REPIDLY EXPANDING FOOD IMPORT SECTOR. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE ACCESS TO EXIM BANK FINANCING
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AND GUARANTEES TO COUNTER EROSION OF TRADITIONAL U.S. MARKETS BY THIRD-COUNTRY COMPETITION.

8. ENHANCE BILATERAL COMMUNICATION AND LINKAGES.

WE PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE AND EXPAND THE NEW LINKS DEVELOPED DURING THE PAST YEAR WITH PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS AND SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONALS. OUR VARIED INFORMATION AND CULTURAL EFFORTS INCLUDING EXPANDED USE OF IV GRANTS WILL DIRECTLY ADDRESS HAITIAN MISPERCEPTIONS ABOUT AMERICAN SOCIETY AND POLICIES.
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